

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating subject matter from claim 5 into it.

Claim 4 has been amended by adding a comma.

Claim 5 has been canceled.

The remaining claims have been amended in a non-limiting manner to place the claims into better condition for examination.

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are pending.

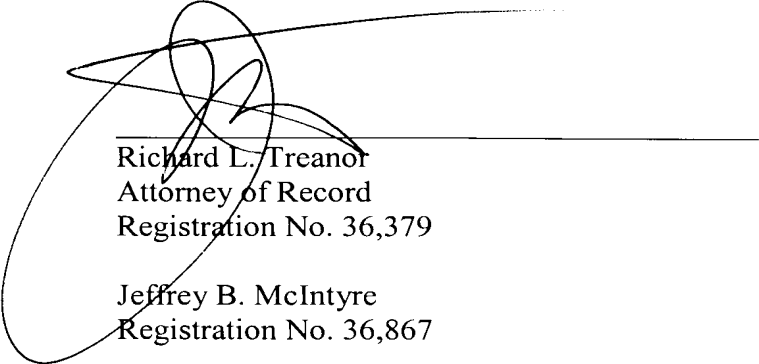
The Office Action rejected the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments have rendered the pending rejections moot, and that these rejections should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Application No. 10/566,092  
Reply to Office Action dated March 31, 2009

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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